

This newsletter contains information compiled by the AGR Office that is of general interest to all Active Guard Reserve (AGR) military personnel. The information contained herein is derived from such sources as the National Guard Bureau (NGB), Military Personnel Office (MILPO), Military Pay Office (MILPAY), and Human Resources Office (HRO) as it pertains to full-time National Guard employment. The distribution of this newsletter is being expanded to include the air community and the term soldier will be replaced with military personnel when appropriate in an effort to include the entire AZNG community.

NEW AGR HIRES

Welcome Aboard

1LT Chad Abts, 158th CSB, eff 2 Jan 01

SGT Gregory Kass, WAATS, eff 11 Dec 00

SPC Stephanie Burdick, 153rd FA, eff 20 Dec 00

SPC George Carbajal, HQ STARC (PSB), eff 20 Dec 00

SPC Heather Varela, 158th CSB, eff 12 Dec 00

Retirement

CW5 Cletus McMurtry, WAATS, ret 31 Jan 01

SFC Jose Alcorta, HHB 2/180th FA, ret 30 Apr 01

SFC David Dehoag, 2222nd TC, ret 30 Apr 01

SSG Kathy Hunter, 158th Finance, ret 28 Feb 01

RESIGNATIONS

SFC Doyle Morrison, Det 4 STARC resigned eff 1 Jan 01

SSG Nicholas Degi, 416th ATC, resigned eff 26 Jan 01

SPC Julienne Bolson, HQ STARC, resigned eff 8 Jan 01

PROMOTIONS

National Guard Bureau sent Arizona a great Christmas present on the 15th of December. This state received one E9 and one E8 increase in our control grades and those listed below benefited from this recent approval.

SGM Larry Cook soon to be CSM Larry Cook at the WAATS.

MSG John Roesch from the Det 4 STARC.

MSG James Nelson from the 385th Aviation Group.



DFAS/LES UPDATE

EOM December LESs are in and have been forwarded to the PACS.

In the REMARKS section of those members that have a dental deduction a "STOP DEPENDENT DENTAL CARE 001201" message will appear. We have checked into it and it is a DFAS error that has been corrected.

As an additional precaution, please check your EOM January LES to be sure that your dental care deduction has resumed.

UNITED CONCORDIA/TRICARE WEBSITES

For more information on United Concordia Dental Care visit their website at:

<http://www.ucci.com>

Having problems finding a provider for your dependants. Check out the TRIWEST website at:

<http://www.triwest.com>

HAD ANY CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE LATELY?

Have you moved, got married, new dependant? Keeping up with these updates cannot be stressed enough with all the changes in the AGR work force. Please be sure to update all changes (especially PCS moves) with a DA 5960. It **must** be submitted through the AGR office on a SIDPERS T/L. The DA 5960 needs to be signed by the Commander (or authorized representative) but does not need any attached documents. Remember that BAH is paid based on duty station not HOR.

Federal recognitions and promotions are to be submitted on a MILPAY T/L directly from the PAC. This office does not submit promotion orders, but they are still required to be routed through this office on a SIDPERS T/L. SIDPERS does not drive AGR pay, so even if it shows on the data base, it does not mean that it is input into DFAS unless you see the pay grade increase on your LES.

Change of address for the Air Guard must be done on a AF FM 512. All personal data (new additions, marriage) see your MPF representative.

DOD WEBSITES

For defense information and news releases visit the DOD websites listed below:

Subscribe or unsubscribe:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/subscribe.html>

News releases on the web:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/releases.html>

Department of Defense home page:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/DailySummary.html>

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AGR HANDBOOK

If you are new to the AGR program or been around a while there is a lot of valuable information in the AGR Handbook, and it is available by email or it can be downloaded from the HRO website at <http://www.azng.com/hro>

WELCOME 2001 POSITIVELY!!!

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Follow the three Rs: Respect for self, respect for others, responsibility for all your actions.
4. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
5. Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
6. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
7. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
8. Spend some time alone every day.
9. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
10. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.

12. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.

13. In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.

14. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.

15. Be gentle with the earth.

16. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.

17. Remember the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.

18. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.

19. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

**WISHING EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND SAFE NEW
YEAR!!!!!!!**

